

What is claimed is:

1 1. A holder for a paintbrush of the type having a handle, a body, and an applicator,
2 the holder comprising:
3 a sleeve having a plurality of sidewalls and a base with an aperture; and,
4 a liner, the liner having a plurality of sidewalls and a base with an aperture, with the liner
5 arranged and configured to fit into said sleeve in a nesting relation;
6 wherein the holder receives the body of a paintbrush in a nesting relation with the
7 handle of the paintbrush protrudes through the aligned apertures of the sleeve and the
8 liner in a sealing relation;
9 whereby liquid that dribbles from a charged applicator towards a handle of a paintbrush
10 when the paintbrush is held in an vertical orientation is captured by the inner liner of the
11 holder and prevented from contacting the user of the brush..

1 2. The holder of claim 1, further comprising a skirt, the skirt operatively connected
2 to the sleeve and movable between a first position where the skirt is substantially
3 coextensive with the applicator of a brush, and a second position where the skirt is
4 substantially coextensive with the handle of a brush.

1 3. The holder of claim 2, wherein said skirt comprises: a first panel and a second
2 panel, with the first panel and second panel constructed and arranged to be operatively
3 connected to each other when the skirt is moved into its first and second positions.

1 4, The holder of claim 3, wherein each of said first and second panels further
2 comprise opposing extensions, with said opposing extensions of said first and second
3 panels arranged and configured to contact each other in a substantially overlapping
4 relation when the skirt is moved into its first and second positions.

1 5. The holder of claim 3, further comprising a fastener, the fastener operable to
2 maintain said panels in a predetermined orientation when said skirt is moved into its first
3 and its second positions.

1 6. A protective holder for a paintbrush of the type having a handle, a body, and an
2 applicator, the protective holder comprising:
3 a flexible sleeve, the flexible sleeve having an inner surface and an outer surface;
4 the flexible sleeve positionable about the body of a paintbrush so that said inner surface
5 is adjacent to the applicator of a paintbrush, whereby the flexible sleeve collects liquid
6 that dribbles from a charged applicator towards a handle of a paintbrush when the
7 paintbrush is held in an vertical orientation; and,

8 a skirt, the skirt operatively connected to the sleeve and movable between a first
9 position where the skirt is substantially coextensive with the applicator of a brush, and a
10 second position where the skirt is substantially coextensive with the handle of a brush.

1 7. The protective holder of claim 6, wherein the inner surface of the flexible sleeve
2 comprises absorbent material and the outer surface of the flexible sleeve comprises
3 non-absorbent material.

